



Navy Efforts in the Global War On Terrorism

Five years after the terrible events of September 11, defeating terrorist extremism remains the top priority of the United States military. The Navy is well-positioned to support this effort in a variety of ways.

Supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom Ashore

- More than 11,000 Sailors are deployed "boots-on-the-ground" within the 27 nations of the Central Command area of operations. Roughly 4,500 are in Iraq, 2,000 in Kuwait, 2,300 in Bahrain, and more than 700 in Afghanistan, performing roles as traditional as corpsmen deployed with Marines and Seabees rebuilding infrastructure, and as nontraditional as Individual Augmentees leading Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan and civil affairs missions in Iraq.
- From 1 Jan – 6 Aug 06, Navy/Marine Corps aircraft flew approximately 130 close air support/strike sorties in OIF that involved the expenditure of weapons, dropping nearly 100 precision-guided munitions and expending nearly 6,000 rounds of ammunition on enemy positions.

Building and Strengthening Global Relationships

- The flexibility and responsiveness of naval forces provide the distinctive ability to project America's compassion through humanitarian relief operations around the world. Our Sailors foster relationships and create friends in regions of great importance to the fight against terrorism.
- Last month, Seabees assigned to Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa provided relief to flood victims in Ethiopia. In the previous 20 months, the Navy responded to two major natural disasters: the Indonesian tsunami and the Pakistan earthquake. According to the Pew Global Attitudes Survey, some 79 % of Indonesians said their opinion of America improved because of the tsunami relief effort.
- *USNS Mery* is nearing the end of its five month Southeast Asia deployment to perform humanitarian assistance and theater security cooperation missions. To date, *Mery* has provided direct aid to more than 87,000 people.

Maritime Security Operations

- U.S. Fifth Fleet leads coalition maritime forces in the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea and Indian Ocean, conducting Maritime Security Operations. MSOs help set the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment, as well as complement the counter-terrorism and security efforts of regional nations.
- U.S. ships and Sailors play a significant role in protecting the Iraqi oil terminals in the Northern Arabian Gulf, which provide the majority of Iraq's income. Working with the U.K., Australian and Iraqi navies, our Navy ships routinely patrol the waters near the terminals, and the Naval Expeditionary Combat Command deploys security detachments who work alongside Iraqi marines to ensure point defense of the terminals.

"We are a nation at war. Support for our Sailors and Marines in the Iraqi theater of operations is our most urgent task, and I am focused daily on what the Navy and Marine Corps can do to help achieve victory in Iraq, and against terrorists elsewhere around the globe."

— **Dr. Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, to the Senate Armed Services Committee**

Individual Augmentation - Talking Points

Responsibility for winning the Global War on Terrorism falls on the military as a whole. The skills our Sailors possess are in high demand and they are serving in an ever-increasing role ashore.

- More than 10,000 Sailors are serving globally in individual augmentee billets, pulled from their normal jobs to directly support the war on terrorism.
- More than 8,500 augmentees are in CENTCOM, with others in Guantanamo, Europe, Africa, and South America.
- 180 Sailors in six Afghanistan PRTs are teaching the Provinces to work with local and national governments to rebuild.
- 520 Sailors in Northern Iraq run all aspects of the Fort Suse detainee facility, from command to perimeter security to guards and infrastructure maintenance and construction.
- More than half of our augmentees come from our reserve force.
- In the month of July, all augmentees received at least 30 days notice for orders.
- All of our Sailors should be ready to serve in ground billets.

